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1. AS STATED REF B NMFS CONTINUES TO TAKE POSITION THAT NO KOREAN SEED OR FRESH SHUCKED OYSTERS BE IMPORTED INTO US COASTAL AREAS. UNFORTUNATELY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL FINAL US DESTINATION OF FRESH SHUCKED SHIPMENTS FROM KOREA TO NON-COASTAL AREAS. IN EFFECT NON-COASTAL HAS TO BE CONSIDERED SAME AS COASTAL. CONSEQUENTLY NMFS OPPOSES APPROVAL AT THIS TIME.

2. EXAMINATION OF SAMPLE KOREAN OYSTERS SENT TO OXFORD LABORATORY BY ROSENFIELD IN SEPTEMBER ONLY PARTIALLY COMPLETED. HOWEVER CONTINUE TO FIND DISEASE ORGANISMS BUT SO FAR NOT MSX-LIKE. AS INDICATED REF B SUGGEST EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS AND EXAMINATION OF DUPLICATE OYSTER SAMPLES TO VERIFY PRESENCE OF DISEASE. PLANS FOR JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY OXFORD STAFF AND WILL BE SENT TO ROK OFFICIALS FOR CONCURRENCE. PLANS ARE FOR RESEARCH PROGRAM TO INCLUDE (1) STUDY OF EXTENT AND CAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT OF PARASITES IN KOREAN OYSTERS, AND (2) APPLICATION OR DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY DESIGNED TO RENDER HARMLESS THESE PARASITES WITH
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MINIMUM CHANGE IN RAW SHUCKED OYSTERS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT

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